

To: Indiana School Administrators
From: Dr. Jeff Patchen, CEO & President, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

The Children's Museum is the recipient of an extremely generous grant of \$2 million from Lilly Endowment to support free school field trips to see the upcoming blockbuster exhibit, King Tutankhamun at The Children's Museum. It is a fantastic way for us to invite schools to bring their students for the King Tut exhibit that will be at the museum from June 26th through the end of October. It is highly unlikely that Indiana would have an exhibit of this type in the future. The experiences that we have designed in conjunction with the exhibit address State and National Standards in the areas of Social Studies, Visual Arts and Language Arts. There would be numerous applications to curricular offerings at both the elementary and secondary levels. To

I am well aware of the fact that many schools do not know actual class numbers at this time, but it is feasible for schools to go ahead and request the number of tickets you would like by estimating what those numbers might be. The FREE tickets for the exhibit are for students, teachers and chaperones. Some schools are requesting tickets for all of the classes in the school. That is fine with us. **The important action to take now is to reserve your school's free tickets now, before the end of the school year to ensure your teacher's preferred exhibition visit time.**

In addition to the FREE tickets for the visit, we are also able to offer FREE professional development workshops for the teachers. Administrators are constantly seeking ways to enhance teacher and student interaction in the classroom. In our workshops, teachers will receive our unit of study and be encouraged to use a variety of techniques that we suggest to ensure that their students have a deeper level of engagement when they visit the exhibition. What a wonderful way for teachers to make their lessons come alive!

Included is a teacher note that you can disseminate to your faculty and staff. In addition, you can attach the PDF for them and that way they would be able to register on their own. You, as an administrator, could also register the whole group from your school, if you prefer. At the time of registration, you will need to set a date, due to the fact that the tickets are issued with specific times to enter the exhibit gallery. Not having ISTEP testing in the fall will make this possible for many schools. As the PDF states, you may register by either using the online address or by phone at the 800 number.

As an educator myself, I know the importance of having the arrangements made before leaving school for the summer. **Please encourage your teachers to register NOW for the FREE tickets.** We are pleased that Lilly Endowment continues to help all us in our mutual mission to strengthen the educational offerings for the schoolchildren of Indiana.

Call 1-800-820-6214 for School Reservations or go to <http://www.childrensmuseum.org> (field trip link).